

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

[0032] The front and rear seat braces 12 are preferably generally U-shaped, with two generally vertical legs 12a and a generally horizontal central member 12b. Because all four legs are vertical and overlap with the armrests 16 and the lower braces 18 (as described below), the legs are less likely to deflect, contributing to a high-strength and stable frame.

[0034] The side armrests 16 and side lower braces 18 are each preferably generally U-shaped, with two generally vertical side members 16a and 18a and a generally horizontal central member 16b and 18b. The left side armrest 16 and the left side lower brace 18 are oppositely arranged with one inverted relative to the other, and their vertical side members coupled together by two of the hinge brackets 22. Similarly, the right side armrest 16 and the right side lower brace 18 are oppositely arranged with one inverted relative to the other, and their vertical side members coupled together by the other two hinge brackets 22. And the side armrests 16 and side lower braces 18 are hingedly coupled to the seat braces 12 by the hinge brackets 22 for permitting at least 90 degree rotation.

[0042] Preferably, the splash guard/pail 26 is provided by a single piece with a side wall 26a and a removable bottom 26b. For example, the bottom 26b may be molded or otherwise formed integrally with the side wall, with a thinner or otherwise severable connection zone 26c so that the bottom can be easily cut or otherwise separated from the side wall using a household knife, scissors, etc. In this way, a single piece, the combination splash guard/pail 26, can be provided with the commode 10. And then the combination splash guard/pail 26 can be left as is for use as a pail or it can be converted to a splash guard by removing the bottom 26b, depending on the user's particular needs.